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Disposal of invasive snails raises questions from MH council

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at a May 26 meeting of Minden Hills council, held in-person and broadcast via Zoom and YouTube.

Invasive snails removed from area lakes can be disposed of at Minden Hills waste disposal sites.

The snails must be double bagged in clear garbage bags, those bags having been solarized for at least 48 hours prior to disposal; be harvested by someone with a license to harvest them or who is listed on a license to harvest; and the harvest must be properly reported to the relevant governing body.

Nikki Payne, manager of waste facilities, said fees will apply for bags brought in by residents over the three bag per week limit.

"We're not really encouraging a bunch to be brought in, but definitely if people need to

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Back on track

Quinn Carpenter from Archie Stouffer Elementary School competes in the triple jump event at the Haliburton County elementary school track meet held at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on May 28. See more photos on Page 13. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Emergency departments to stay open throughout summer

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

The following are brief reports from the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board meeting held virtually on May 26.

The Minden and Haliburton hospital emergency departments will remain open this summer despite the ongoing threat of temporary closure during continued staffing shortage challenges.

Carolyn Plummer, HHHS president and CAO, said the organization continues to struggle to find sufficient staffing of both nurses and physicians, with a 40 per cent shortage in coverage for all emergency department and hospital nursing shifts, and a 25 per cent shortage for emergency department physician shifts. The organization is filling nursing shifts with non-local agency staff, and physician shifts through an emergency department locum program.

"With that in mind we need to continue to plan for what will happen in the event that we aren't able to fill those positions," she told the board. "For now, we have decided that we will continue with both emergs remaining open throughout the summer months, continuing to use nursing agency staff to support that. We recognize with the increased volume

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Previously, Plummer has said Epic will enable one medical record for patients in the system, and would also help with patient-safety issues and quality of care, with the system designed to help reduce errors in healthcare. Additionally, patients will be able to access their chart online from home.

County gives Point in Time transportation pilot project a lift

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

The County of Haliburton will fund \$20,000 of a rural transportation pilot project operated by Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents.

Marg Cox, Point in Time executive director, approached county council on May 25 to request the funding assistance for a transportation program operated by the agency that plans to offer greater access to integrated services including mental health and substance use, primary care, immediate support, peer support and employment support at the Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub.

"As many are aware, there are huge transportation needs in Haliburton County," reads the request from Cox. "High rates of poverty, increasing gas prices, inflation, escalating car prices and housing costs are resulting in even more transportation challenges as many who previously could keep a vehicle on the road are now finding it totally prohibitive. COVID has further reduced people's willingness to ride share and it is greatly exacerbating transportation poverty in our county. This combines with the increased need for people to be able to access services and supports to help mitigate the mental health and substance epidemic we are also experiencing."

Cox told council the youth hub has seen "numbers starting to soar," with usage of those aged 12 to 25 increasing from 201 youth in 2020/21, to 656 youth in 2021/2022.

"It's a service that's drawing youth in," she said. "Youth have a chance not only to participate in clinical services, psychiatric services, nurse practitioner services, peer support services, but also have a place to meet with

other youth and build protective factors - isolation is highly correlated with substance use and mental health. It's a place to have fun, and that connection is also very important."

Point in Time has a small fleet of vehicles that can be used to transport youth, but like other organizations throughout the county, are experiencing staffing shortages. The centre has partnered with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board to offer transportation on the late bus that runs after school, but there remain gaps in that service.

"We know that summer's coming, and we also know the late bus doesn't get everywhere in the county and that there's a real need for transportation," said Cox.

She said Point in Time plans to hire a dedicated driver that could provide youth hub rides and shuttles, and also transport children and families to offices in Minden and Haliburton as needed. The \$20,000 ask would help cover some of the driver's salary.

"This would help provide transportation and also allow the county and ourselves to start collecting data [related to ridership/demand] critical to addressing the larger transportation issue in the county," said Cox.

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said he presumed the program will be successful and asked if there was a chance the request would become an annual ask.

Cox said she hopes county council has a longer term goal for transportation that will help reduce the need for more individualized transportation, but also said having a pilot program in place enables Point in Time staff to, "knock on the doors of other funders and explore other options."

She said currently Point in Time staff travels as far as Kinmount, Dorset and Cardiff throughout Haliburton County to provide

outreach. One late bus picks up riders at the youth hub on Tuesday and Thursday at 4:30 p.m. doing drop-offs in West Guilford, Carnarvon and Minden, and another takes youth to Wilberforce, Harcourt and Cardiff on Thursdays – about 30 youth use the service. Cox said for the proposed transportation program, staff would have to figure out what the best routes are, at first having youth use a sign-up system and planning in advance.

"We want to work with county staff to figure out what data would be helpful for us to be collecting that might be able to be used not only to map out our needs but plan as a

county, including all of our residents going forward," she said.

As the request comes as a result of demand for service and staff shortages as a result of the stresses of the pandemic, the funding will come from Safe Restart funds the county has access to, to help with challenges caused by COVID-19.

In April, the county agreed, using transit reserves, to finance \$20,000 of a rural transportation pilot program designed to transport residents to employment training and employment, led by SIRCH, City of Kawartha Lakes human services and Fleming CREW.

COVID-19 Lab Confirmed Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths by Municipality, Since 01 January 2022

County	Municipality	Active cases (current)	2022 Total cases	2022 Case rate per 100,000 population	Non-outbreak cases (cumulative)	Outbreak cases (cumulative)	Hospitalizations (cumulative)	Deaths (cumulative)
Haliburton	Algonquin Highlands	0	24	948.2	24	0	1	0
Haliburton	Dysart et al	1	157	2,302.1	121	36	5	2
Haliburton	Highlands East	0	43	1,222.6	38	5	0	0
Haliburton	Minden Hills	1	98	1,481.0	82	16	2	0
Kawartha Lakes	Kawartha Lakes	23	2,758	3,389.5	1,803	955	65	25
Northumberland	Alnwick/Haldimand	2	218	2,771.4	194	24	6	2
Northumberland	Brighton	0	315	2,489.1	276	39	15	3
Northumberland	Cobourg	19	646	3,168.8	393	253	13	3
Northumberland	Cramahe	2	164	2,539.9	147	17	8	2
Northumberland	Hamilton Township	0	229	1,869.5	204	25	4	0
Northumberland	Port Hope	7	369	2,120.1	266	103	5	2
Northumberland	Trent Hills	2	538	4,027.9	282	256	15	5
Total HKPRDHU	All Municipalities	57	5,559	2,907.0	3,830	1,729	139	44

COVID-19 by the numbers

The health unit's May 30 update reported two new cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County, while nine new cases were reported in City of Kawartha Lakes, and five in Northumberland County. The health unit notes these numbers do not accurately capture the spread of COVID-19 in the community as PCR testing is limited to those who live or work in high-risk settings./Screenshot from hkpr.on.ca.

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June 9 – Regular Council Meeting
June 30 – Regular Council Meeting

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Thousands of snails removed from lakes last year

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dispose of them they are able to bring them to our sites,” said Payne.

Councillor Bob Carter said that while mystery snails are in the lakes, the majority are banded snails.

“I have a problem with the three bag limit,” he said. “What happens is, this is not individuals taking it off their own property, or creating their own garbage, here. This tends to be groups of people who are licensed who may get together on a weekend to do a blitz.”

Last year, Carter said, there was more than 500,000 snails removed from lakes in the county, and he expected this year to be similar.

“I don’t think there should be a limit if a group of people get together – these people are getting together to save our lakes,” he said. “I think we should be accommodating them and working with them as much as possible.”

Payne said the issue had been brought to her attention because Dysart et al does not accept the snails at their landfill sites and so she had spoken with lake associations and landfill staff about Minden’s messaging. She said landfill staff had not reported many being brought in, but said it might be mixed with general waste.

Carter said he had gone through the snail removal licensing training and said messaging was clear that snails should not be mixed with other garbage.

“Last year’s program was the first year the program was put in place so there were a few teething problems, including how to get rid of them,” he said. “I don’t know how many bags there were. It shouldn’t really be a problem, it’s not going to be truckloads of these things because they’re not very big. The second part of it is, the next part that will come up is phragmites, and various invasives that lake associations are working on, and those also have to be disposed of in a certain way – they can’t be burned, they have to go into garbage bags in landfills. There’s going to be a precedent here, but it really

isn’t personal effects or personal garbage, this is an effort to clean up our lakes.”

CAO Clerk Trisha McKibbin asked Payne if there was a reason for the three-bag limit, and if it could be lifted.

Payne said that as with other garbage, residents would need to pay for bringing more than three bags in unless council decided otherwise. She said she would need to discuss with the Ministry if there was a limit to how many snails could be accepted at the landfill.

Mayor Brent Devolin said he believed there was a consensus from council to waive the fee on additional bags of snails. McKibbin recommended Payne speak with the Ministry and report back.

Councillor Jennifer Hughey requested a potential education piece around the snails in the lake, noting they are not edible and people can become sick from digesting them.

Bill 109 causes concern

Darryl Tighe, planning consultant, spoke to Bill 109, *More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022*, which includes changes to the *Planning Act*, and the planning process currently administered by the township.

A consultation for review and comment on Bill 109 was to be open until April 27 this year, but the proposed legislation was instead fast-tracked by the province, receiving royal assent on April 14.

Tighe said there are “significant changes” to the *Planning Act*, including in three areas of the Act that affect the day-to-day operations of the municipality: zoning bylaws, site plan approval and plans of subdivision.

The bill has been a controversial one for municipalities, with some asking for the province to pause the legislation until a more thorough consultation process can take place. One concern is that municipalities would need to refund zoning and site plan application fees to developers if timelines for review are not met.

“I believe that the majority of the planning profession are

quite concerned with the fallout of this legislation,” said Tighe. “What the changes in the legislation will be doing, they’ll be uploading the real costs of development to the developer prior to them even making an application, so that is quite a heavy onus to place on the development community when they’re not even sure whether or not what they’re applying for will actually be approved.”

Mayor Brent Devolin said Bill 109 would create bigger challenges for the municipality.

“I mean, Bill 109 while noble in intent, in my opinion, was rushed,” he said, noting some requirements begin as early as July.

Councillor Pam Sayne said she also disapproved of the fast-tracking.

“It happened way too fast, part of it was proposed as a solution to our housing crisis we have in Ontario, and it’s outrageous it’s being taken out punitively on municipalities at this point,” she said. “We rely on that income to support our building department. If we are giving money back, that means that we are pulling from other departments and other resources in this municipality. That is totally unreasonable. There’s really a lack of understanding of how municipalities work in this provincial government right now and I’m very disappointed with not only the lack of understanding and dialogues ongoing with the province on this, but they’re fast-tracking it before the election as well.”

Electronic payment system soon at landfill

Payne reported the process for a debit/credit card machine at the Scotch Line landfill was in the final stages and would be in place in the next few weeks.

“That’s probably the biggest complaint I get about the landfill, is not having the cash for tipping or you have to leave and come back, so that’s appreciated, thank you so much,” said Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell.

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Look alive, Ontario

“SO, WHO do you think is going to come in second in the election?” is a question I recently heard and one that might have been on your mind during this provincial election campaign, too.

Projections have forecast a majority for Doug Ford’s Progressive Conservatives as the most likely outcome of this week’s provincial election though some tight races throughout the province could see the Liberal or NDP candidate – or the Green, in Parry Sound-Muskoka – take the riding.

June 2 will mark the end of a somewhat lackadaisical election campaign, one in which PC candidates were criticized for not even showing up to all-candidates debates – more than 20 did not participate in 34 local debates according to media reports, including Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock candidate Laurie Scott – and NDP and Liberals faced heat for not collaborating to unseat Ford.

Advocates and organizers, however, have continued fighting. We’ve heard that this election is dire for those who care about the current state and future of healthcare, education, the level of funding to the Ontario Disability Support Program, the affordability crisis, climate change, available housing, and as the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act deadline for the province to be fully accessible by 2025 approaches. If something there doesn’t affect you or someone you love, it will one day – perhaps in the next four years, and is worth showing up for with your vote.

Pandemic fatigue, or emotional,

intellectual and physical exhaustion after the strain of the past two years might have left some voters from caring about this election cycle, instead focusing on the day-to-day struggle of living and just getting by – but a vote in support of those who have made comprehensive pledges and specific goals in finding solutions for those issues will help in the long-run.

And Ontario is voting – preliminary figures released by Elections Ontario on Monday show that more than one million Ontario residents, about 10 per cent of eligible voters, have cast ballots during the 10-day advance voting period. In 2018, about seven per cent of eligible voters did the same during a five-day advance voting period. The deadline to vote by mail has passed but those who want to vote early can do so locally in-person up until 6 p.m. on June 1.

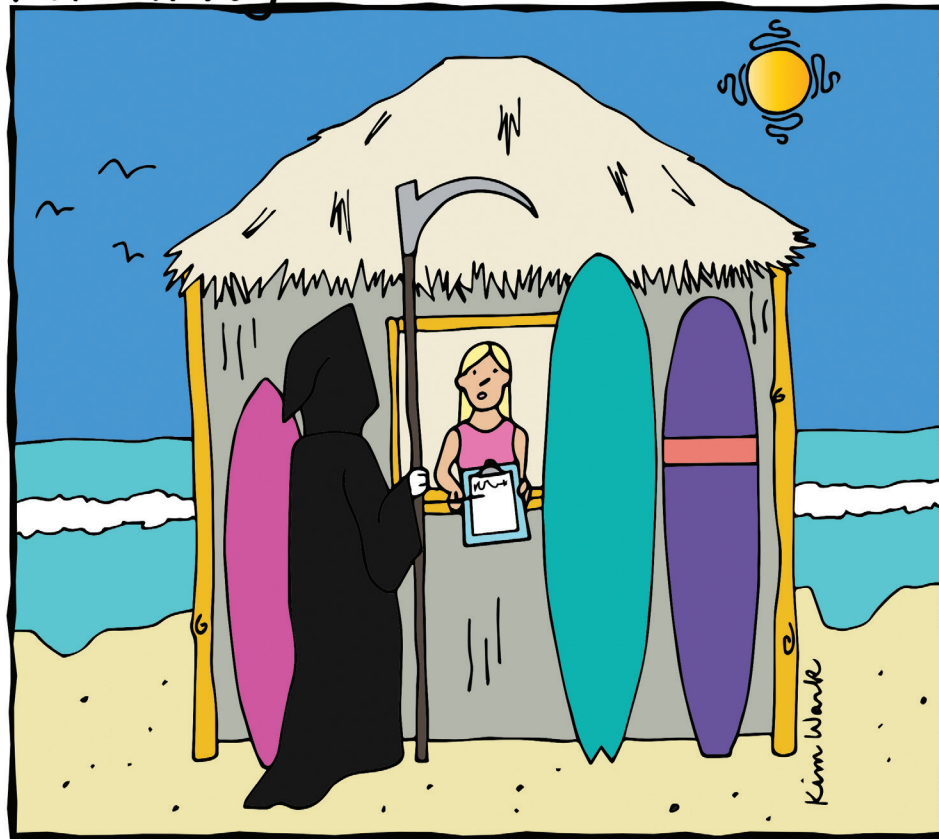
It does take some planning and an effort to make the time to vote, no matter how you do it, but here’s hoping more Ontarians than ever will find the energy to do so.

For more information about casting a ballot on June 2, visit <https://www.elections.on.ca/en.html>.

In case you missed it: The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce membership identified five questions to be asked of the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock provincial election candidates ahead of the June 2 election. Responses to those questions from six of the candidates can be found on the *Minden Times* website at mindentimes.ca.

**SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

Kwarky



“Sign here that you acknowledge the risks.”

Timing is everything

ONE OF THE things no one has ever written about extensively is the best time to lose a big fish. Is it best to lose one at the beginning, middle or end of the fishing outing?

Not to brag, but I am one of the world’s leading experts on the subject, especially if you concede that big is in the eyes of the beholder, and also that the less witnesses there are, the bigger a fish gets.

With that in mind, here’s what I have learned.

A big fish, as we all know, has the ability to break your heart like nothing else. If you think I’m exaggerating, it’s only because you haven’t brought up the biggest fish you have ever seen of a particular species and lost it at the side of your boat.

Forget lost loves, wrong turns in life, and missed opportunities, this is what great loss is truly all about. And it is also the main reason anglers look upon the movie “Jaws” as a romantic tragedy.

In my estimation, the best time to lose a big fish is at the beginning of a fishing trip. Yes, it hurts. But at least it gives you hope that there are big fish in the waters, and you have a whole day ahead of you to catch them.

The only exception to this rule is if the fish was lost because your former fishing buddy was clumsy with the net. Then this makes the day awkward and silent.

Losing a big fish in the middle of the outing is slightly worse but not altogether horrible. It’s good because you can convince yourself you figured out how to attract a big fish and it also leaves you optimistic because you still have half the outing left to put that into practice.

The only exception to this rule is if the fish was lost because your former fishing buddy was clumsy with the net. Then this makes the remainder of the day awkward and silent.

Worst, in my experience, is losing a big fish at the end of the outing. This makes you doubt your decision to leave because hooking a big fish that late is evidence that they are just getting active. This causes you to resent the reasons that compel you to leave – that being your spouse, family, work, social commitments, jury duty, life-saving medical procedures, fiscal responsibilities, food and water supply, darkness, gale-force winds, the need for long-term food and shelter and the requirement to connect to the outside world in general.

On the plus side, it gives you cause to be optimistic about your next visit.

The only exception to this rule is if the fish was lost because your former fishing buddy was clumsy with the net. Then this makes for an awkward and silent drive home.

All this begs the question, is it just better if you do not hook and lose a big fish at all? Well, no. All fishing is centred around the anticipation of catching a truly big fish. Catching a big fish and telling the tale of it is what we all dream of and why humans evolved arms that can outstretch well beyond the length of the fish we normally catch.

That’s why I would say it is better to have loved and lost than to have never loved at all.

Of course, the only exception to this rule is if you are the fishing buddy who was clumsy with the net.

**STEVE GALEA**
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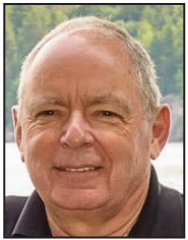
Columns and Letters to the Editor

Bread is making us bedbug crazy

I now know why our world has gone crazy. It's from eating rye bread. Rye is a bewitched grain. We know that from modern research into the Salem witch trials.

This research has found that the Salem witch madness of the 1690s began following an outbreak of rye ergot poisoning. Ergot is a fungus blight that causes hallucinogenic chemicals to form in rye bread.

People who eat ergot-infected rye bread start acting crazy. They have hallucinations, twitches and spasms.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

When people began acting like that in Salem, Massachusetts, the virtuous Puritans declared an outbreak of witchcraft. They rounded up the bewitched, staged the now famous Salem witch trials and hanged 19 women.

It turns out that those poor ladies were not bewitched, just stoned from eating too much infected rye bread.

There were similar witch hunts in Europe where symptoms of ergot poisoning were blamed on witchcraft. Again, the witch hunts were in areas that had suffered ergot rye outbreaks.

Massachusetts lawmakers have exonerated all of the Salem witches, according to Witches of Massachusetts Bay, a group devoted to witch hunt history. The last woman convicted of being a witch, Elizabeth Johnson Jr., 22 at the time, was exonerated just last week by the Massachusetts legislature.

Her case was brought to the legislature by an eighth grade civics class which researched her trial and drafted a petition to have her conviction overturned.

Americans still consume a lot of rye grain - about one-half a pound per person annually. Statistics show that roughly 23 million Americans eat rye bread.

Ergot rye outbreaks are rare these days, however they continue to exist. The United States had one small, isolated outbreak in 1996.

The Russians also are big into rye bread, particularly one called Borodinski Chleb. Traditionally, rye has been Russia's predominant bread cereal.

More and more people in Russia and the U.S. are exhibiting ergot rye symptoms, especially their leaders.

Vladimir Putin is an example. He has become one of the world's great crazies and is a bit of a health fanatic who prefers rye bread.

In the U.S., nutbars like Donald Trump and Republican congressman Mitch McConnell keep saying crazy things like more guns are needed in schools to prevent school shootings.

The Gun Violence Archive, an independent data collection organization, says there have been 212 U.S. school shootings already this year. Arming teachers, janitors and maybe even students sounds like a bad rye bread hallucination.

Trump loves meatloaf sandwiches with brown bread and McConnell likes his Kentucky bourbon, which is brewed from corn and grains, including rye.

Americans also should keep a close eye on their president. Joe Biden says he prefers pastrami on rye and he talks funny and falls a lot on airplane steps.

Rye is not just found in bread and cereals. It's a major component in brewing many alcohol drinks.

The Russians, of course, prefer vodka over whiskies, which often are brewed from rye grain. Many will say that vodka is brewed from potatoes, so vodka is not a factor in making them crazy. In fact, many vodkas are brewed from only small quantities of potatoes and large amounts of grains, including rye.

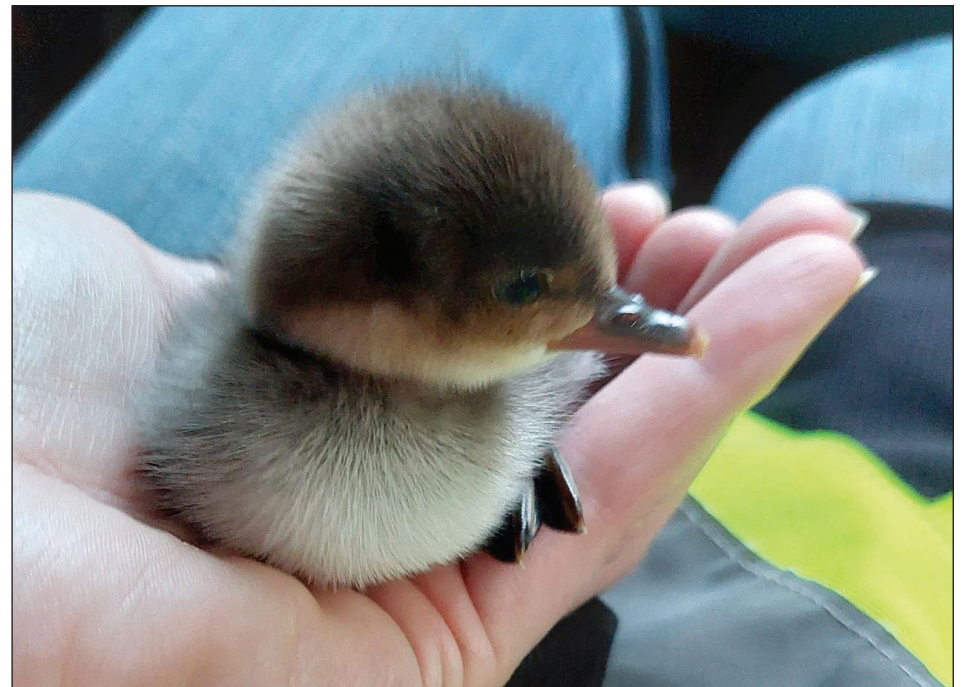
There is no proof that the ergot fungus survives in booze made with rye. But hey, there are lot of things we don't know or understand.

Rye bread and rye booze also are very popular with Canadians, so we need to keep a close eye on our politicians.

For instance, you have to wonder what Justin Trudeau is cooking in the new \$735,000 kitchen at his Harrington Lake cottage. The kitchen is part of an \$11-million taxpayer-funded renovation at the cottage. (It was only supposed to cost \$8 million, but who could have predicted inflation?)

That kitchen sounds like a great place for whipping up corned beef on rye sandwiches. And blueberry pies with rye crusts, or banana rye muffins.

Thinking about all this has made me hungry and thirsty. I think I'll go to my little kitchen and make myself a chicken salad sandwich on rye washed down, of course, with a few shots of rye whiskey.



Web-footed friend

Karen London, *Times* production co-ordinator, was at Lola's in Carnarvon when a man returning to Toronto asked where he might put a baby merganser duck he'd found crossing Highways 35 and 118 - no mama duck in sight. London's family finished their meal, baby duck in hand (he didn't like the idea of a box) before taking the likely day-old duckling to Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary. The baby weighed in at 23 grams. /Photo by Karen London

letters to the editor

Sold your vote yet, want a doughnut?

To the Editor,

What was that? Sold my vote! What are you talking about. Our votes aren't for sale, are they?

Surely Doug Ford wouldn't try to buy our votes. Let's take a closer look. Our premier, as a Toronto city councillor, was documented and photographed by the CBC on December 12 of 2013 handing out \$20 bills to residents of a Toronto Community Housing neighbourhood. Councillors strongly objected and so they should have.

The National Post of January 25, 2014 reported in detail and it's worth remembering:

"What he's doing is just plain corrupt," Councillor Perk told reporters Thursday afternoon. "We're not elected to hand out our private wealth."

"This is how rich people buy votes," Councillor Mihevc said.

Doug Ford defended himself for the cash-toss, saying he did not have time to go to Tim Hortons to pick up gift cards.

"I went there, I handed out the toys. I said folks, I apologize, I don't like doing this rather than a Tim's card, I didn't have time, here's \$20. Go buy yourself a coffee," he told reporters.

He said he handed out the "couple hundred dollars I had on me."

The Etobicoke councillor argued he wasn't trying to buy votes because he doesn't plan to run in the next municipal election.

"I'm the last guy that's corrupt," he added. "Everyone knows the Fords are not corrupt."

"I'm not running. I don't need to buy votes, and we don't believe in buying votes," Ford said.

Wait a minute. In September 2014 Doug Ford filed to run for mayor of Toronto!

But no, he was not trying to buy votes. Fast forward to 2022 and that vehicle licence renewal rebate you received in the mail. That bought you a lot of doughnuts and coffee didn't it?

Ford, with net worth of 50 million, claims to care about the less fortunate. Really? He opposed a house for developmentally disabled youth in his ward, saying the home had "ruined the community."

Sorry Laurie Scott, when you shill for the corrupt Ford cabal you have willingly and totally sold out. You don't deserve our vote!

**John Gibb
Minden**

More letters on page 8

HCPL's Book of the Month - June



When Kumiko's well-meaning adult daughters place her in an assisted living home, the seventy-six-year-old widow gives it a try, but it's not where she wants to be. She goes on the lam and finds a cozy bachelor apartment, keeping the location secret even while communicating online with her eldest daughter. Kumiko revels in the small, daily pleasures: decorating as she pleases, eating what she wants, and swimming in the community pool. But something has followed her from her former residence - Death's shadow.

Kumiko's sweet life is shattered when Death's shadow swoops in to collect her. With her quick mind and sense of humour, Kumiko, with the help of friends new and old, is prepared for the fight of her life. But how long can an old woman thwart fate? Check out Hiromi Goto and Ann Xu's beautifully written and illustrated graphic novel from HCPL today, and find out! This Evergreen nominee is sure to please.

Choose well

AFTER 19 YEARS The Ellen Show is ending. I caught a segment of the last show. One of Ellen's guests was the singer/songwriter/performer P!nk. P!nk talked about all the good Ellen has contributed to this crazy world of ours. At one point in the conversation P!nk said that Ellen has encouraged her audience to "choose joy." That phrase stuck with me.

After writing all of these articles for all of these years I'm calling it quits. That sounds harsh. I don't mean it to. I made the decision long before I heard P!nk say "choose joy." I'd like to think that I do choose joy often. I'm not sure I've shared this before but I have one goal in life and that is to die happy. That keeps things simple, doesn't it? I have no idea when I will kick the bucket so I attempt to find happiness and joy as much as I can. I am not always successful but I constantly get enough reminders to take me back to that core goal.



LAURIE SWEIG
Practical Fitness

The main ingredient to being happy on this journey is in the choices that I make. I choose to eat well most of the time, sleep well, and move a lot. If my health is good then I am good. If I'm good then happiness is within reach. From there it is choosing to be happy or not. I don't have to tell you that there is so much going on in the world now that is sad, frustrating, appalling, unnerving and any other adjective

you'd like to add to that. When my head gets spinning I grab onto something that grounds me. I often go to the Serenity Prayer:

*God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
courage to change the things I can,
and wisdom to know the difference.*

Isn't that last line great? It's as powerful as "choose joy." Over the years I have written 200+ fitness articles. That's a whole lot of information and advice, but in all of that writing there is just one golden nugget and that is: do what makes you feel good. By that, I mean that feeling that comes with making healthy choices. That feeling of empowerment. That is something only you can do for you.

Bet you know what I'm going to write next ... eat your vegetables, get lots of sleep and jump as high as you can as often as you can.

Choose well to be well.
Something to think about.

p.s. Thank you for reading all of these years. I truly appreciate it. xoxo

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Laurie Sweig with Frankie. Laurie, the longtime fitness columnist for the *Minden Times* signs off this week with her last column, reminding readers to "do what makes you feel good." The *Times* thanks Laurie for always giving us "something to think about."

Minden Hills Cultural Centre will continue to be run by town

Foundation board will have some new duties

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**
Special to the Times

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre will continue to be managed by the municipality, after council rejected a request last week to hand over all operational duties to the centre's foundation board. The Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation, however, will begin to manage the centre's gift shop and its membership program.

The decision, made at the May 26 council meeting, may ease some of the tension that's built up between the centre's most passionate supporters and the municipality in recent months.

The centre has been without a curator since late February when Laurie Carmount, a well-respected employee, stopped working there. Town officials wouldn't say whether her leaving was voluntary or a dismissal, but the change led to renewed calls for the town to better manage and support the municipality-owned centre, which is a tourist draw and a sense of community pride.

The Cultural Centre is located at 176 Bobcaygeon Rd and it includes the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village and Nature's Place.

On April 28, members of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation (MHCCF), an organization that's existed since 2002 to raise funds for programs, proposed to council that they take over managing the centre's day-to-day operations. Following a delegation, town officials said they would consider the request and Minden Hills community services director Craig Belfry could file a report to council on the matter in late May.

Belfry's report did not fully endorse the request, but it also didn't quash the idea of a stronger partnership with the foundation board either.

The motion he recommended, which council eventually endorsed in a non-recorded vote, had four key lines. The first was for staff "to continue partnership conversations with the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation." The second and third lines endorsed the foundation taking over the gift

shop and membership programs while the fourth line asked council to deny the request from the foundation to take on "the role of the governing body."

The report outlined several reasons why Belfry thought a full takeover wasn't a good idea. He listed his belief that the MHCCF has faced "instability" over the years (although it's been around, officially since 2002, it only became reinvigorated around 2015).

"The MHCCF was a strong foundation at one time, it needs to return to this position of strength and rebuild before any type of governance should be considered," the report said.

Another bullet point listed that "the Foundation's current financial position, and lack of a true business plan, does not put them in place to consider this proposal."

While speaking to council, Belfry expressed optimism that the town and the centre's biggest supporters, including foundation board members, can build a long-term vision for the centre with a positive working relationship.

"We've agreed that we will keep working together," he said. "Here's an opportunity to work together to start pushing this facility and engaging all parts of it to the community and showing it has potential."

Before the vote passed, Mayor Brent Devolin expressed support for Belfry's recommendation. He called the discussions happening now, "a great reset."

"Although it started with a bumpy re-engagement of the conversation, there's sincere interest on both sides to move this forward," he said.

The MHCCF is made up of president Neil Briggs, secretary David Rea, directors Sue Tiffin, Emily Stonehouse and (non-voting director) Mary Hamilton.

When contacted by the *Minden Times*, Briggs expressed satisfaction with council's decision, even though not all that was requested was given.

He is pleased that the town is showing renewed interest in propping up the centre and giving some responsibilities to the foundation.

"Sometimes when you try to address

something you push the envelope to make a point," he said.

Briggs said he had a productive meeting with Belfry recently and he believes the director and his colleagues with the town deserve a chance to put a plan together to ensure that the centre is properly run, with the right staff.

"The proof's got to be in the pudding – you have to deliver now. He has to have that opportunity to deliver."

Briggs also said that one of the keys moving forward, will be a stronger cultural centre advisory committee. He said the town-led

committee had been meeting inconsistently – and that has to change.

Belfry's report noted that the committee could be made stronger, as it's recently been meeting with the minimum number of members (five), yet it could be boosted to have a maximum of 10 members, so more people can advocate for the centre and share ideas.

"This small a number shows that there is room for growth within the municipal advisory committee, and that community engagement is required to encourage the centre to reach its potential as a whole, as it comes out of the pandemic," the report said.

letters to the editor

Telling the story of Rotary

To the Editor,

In recent months, Rotary clubs of Minden and Haliburton have been involved in the planning and co-ordinating of volunteers for the mass vaccination clinics. That notoriety is just one of the many things that Rotary does for our community.

We have been asked so many times about Rotary and its purpose that we wish to answer that question in an upcoming Zoom meeting we are calling, "Rotary Around the World."

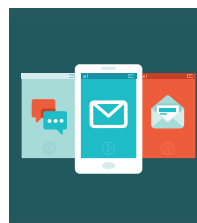
We want people to know that Rotary is an organization of 1.5 million business professionals in 35 thousand clubs all over the world. As peacekeeping people who have the value of

service, integrity and leadership for local and world projects, Rotarians are involved in helping people in times of flood, earthquakes, war, life's stresses, etc.

We would like to tell the story of Rotary around the world to any one interested. We are having a Zoom meeting Monday, June 13 at 7 p.m.

We invite the curious to access the Zoom meeting information by contacting Sally Moore info@sunnyrockbb.ca or call 705-286-4922. Listeners and interested folks do not need a computer to participate.

Sally Moore
Minden



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you'd like to share?*

Send a letter to the editor to
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CHA's lake stewards meeting credits volunteers with success

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

The Highlands is a shining example of how collaboration and volunteer commitment can effectively bring about positive change when it comes to being stewards of the lake.

This was the main message at the 12th annual lake stewards meeting on Saturday, May 14 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton.

With one year in the books for the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (CHA) mystery snail project, it's worthy of being celebrated said its leader, Brook Schryer, aquatic program specialist, invading species awareness program with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

He said it is inspiring to be in a room with the volunteers who helped with the removal of 490,000 banded snails and 63,000 Chinese mystery snails.

"That's a huge victory. Even if it's just going to give you folks agency, and, maybe not even, you know impact population this year, that's still a huge achievement that needs to be commended," he said.

There was media coverage which helped to raise the profile of the snail project on a national level.

Close to 300 passionate volunteers in the Highlands were involved with the snail project last year, who have been trained to identify, collect and aim to decrease mystery snails in the county's lakes. Under the Federal fisheries act, snails are classified as crustaceans and fish, so removing them from the water requires a scientific collector's permit through the Ministry of Northern Development Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry.

Schryer said two volunteers were responsible for removing more than 17,000 Chinese mystery snails, essentially by hand or with makeshift tools such as a colander.

"But by and large that takes a lot of effort to remove that many snails. I know for a fact I spent two days and that was there on Koshlong Lake and there was four of us on the second day and, in total, we removed about 3,200 Chinese mystery snails. That's like every two seconds we're grabbing one," he said.

He noted how one individual even removed 257,000 banded mystery snails last year. This effort included some 38 kilometres of shoreline being monitored by volunteers, which included the reporting of 26 lakes. The pilot project also made its digital impression with 36,000 social media impressions and 4,000 engagements.

Schryer said the Chinese mystery snail has a special ability to protect its offspring, which makes it a challenging invasive species.

"The reason why these things are so prevalent is because they actually protect their young when they're hatching. So, they actually incubate their eggs internally, before giving birth to live offspring, which jumps over a life stage being eggs, which you know, normally eggs are very vulnerable [so] things will eat eggs, but because these are incubating them, what they're doing is the mother is protecting them," he said.

Summer to fall, he said, the young will be released, so getting out to remove the snails before this period helps to get ahead of the hatching. One Chinese mystery snail can have 100 embryos every year and can reproduce four of its five year lifespan, which he calls "exponential growth."

CHA chairperson Paul MacInnes said to the audience, "People in this room should be incredibly proud of what we have achieved here in Haliburton County. This program was one of a kind. We were the only group. We were the first group to create the master licence. Before that the MNR wanted each lake, each person to apply for a licence and it was going to take two years to get it," he said. "We went to our local MNR office. They were so cooperative with us and I said this is not working. We need a process where people can get a licence within months and we can deal with multiple water bodies and they, with Brook's help, developed that program. This program is so well-known now across the world they call it the CHA Mystery Snail Program."

He adds Schryer presented the program's idea at an invasive species conference earlier this month in Belgium, showing the reach of this effort.

There's now been interest in implementing this program in part of the States and in other provinces such as Alberta and Quebec.

"It's very challenging to recruit volunteers, as I said before, because it's very challenging to want to get involved because invasive species are such a huge problem. So, to have a group like yours that are so well situated on the front line of where mystery snails are and are willing to be trained for three hours, and then actually go out on your free time to remove these snails is completely commendable," he said.

Clean, drain, dry (or disinfect) message to all watercraft users

As of Jan. 1 this year, the Ontario government has implemented new regulations that means watercraft equipment (boats, canoes and kayaks) are regarded as "carriers" under the Invasive Species Act, 2015.

The first two of the three points from the message are legal requirements. See www.ofah.org/insider/2022/03/ontarios-new-boater-pathway-regulations/ for more details.

The effort includes posting signage at boat launches, reminding the public about the sequence of actions, and hosting public events to inform water users where they will receive information and offered an opportunity to be led through the specific actions applied to watercraft to ensure there is reduction of moving invasive species from one body of water to another.

There are 20 events planned this boating season, including in Haliburton County at Little Hawk, Redstone Lake, and Kennis Lake. This effort also includes education for marinas, so they can also know and adhere to the safe practices. Part of the education's signage at boat launches was funded through the partnership with the CHA, the four municipalities and the lake associations.

Blue-green algae challenges

During the "Ask the Experts" portion, the audience was in-

vited to ask the attending experts questions.

One question from the audience was about the growth of blue-green algae blooms.

Biologist Carmen Pereira of Zygotera Consulting said there have been first-time sightings of blue-green algae in Haliburton County lakes and this is attributed to rising temperatures caused by climate change.

"When it comes to blooms a lot of these blooms are lake particular and a lot of research we have on blooms particularly are from eutrophic lakes. What I mean by eutrophic is high nutrient. The lakes we have here in Haliburton are oligotrophic. They're low nutrient lakes. So, we don't normally see a blue-green algae bloom in these lakes, but incidences are increasing," she said.

She cited Three Mile Lake as a well-known example.

Norman Yan, an expert of lake health research and past chairman of the Friends of the Muskoka Watershed with 25 years of working for the Ministry of the Environment, added to the discussion saying that bloom growth isn't only attributed to high phosphorus levels, but also other contributors such as how the drop in average wind speeds and how blue-green algae can move to different levels of the water to find nutrients to feed from are now being considered.

MacInnes said last year was a record year for blue-green algae blooms with 11 reported in Haliburton County. Many of which had never seen a bloom before, he said.



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Oh, what a night!

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students wore their best at the prom held on Saturday, May 28 at Sir Sam’s in Eagle Lake. There were close to 130 people who attended the first prom in two years, which was previously put on hold because of health measures to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. / DARREN LUM Staff



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students Brooke Stover and Ben Robinson look at their photos after they were printed from the photo station set up for prom.



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students strike a pose on the deck outside before the prom.



A date gets a helping hand with her heels while at the prom.



26th Annual General Meeting of
Haliburton Highlands Health
Services Corporation
Thursday, June 23, 2022
2:00 p.m.

(Meeting Agenda - Business of the Corporation: Reports of the CEO and Board, Chief of Staff, Auditor, Foundation, Nominating Committee, Election of Directors, and Appointment of Auditors)

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions and precautions that remain in place at HHHS, the 26th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held as a virtual meeting conducted through the Zoom application. In order to participate, Corporation members and members of the public who wish to attend will require an invitation, which will provide further information on how to participate.

For further information or to arrange for an invitation, please contact:

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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students pose with principal Chris Boulay, centre.



Saturdays are for spaghetti

Minden and District Lions Club member Brian Moore prepares a plate of spaghetti at the Minden Lions Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, May 28 at the Minden Lions Club Hall. The dinner returned for the first time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and featured all-you-can-eat spaghetti, caesar salad, dessert, and a beverage for \$15. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Minden and District Lions Club hosted their Minden Lions Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, May 28 at the Minden Lions Club Hall.



Celebrating community in Kinmount

Close to 20 Kinmount organizations hosted the Meet Your Community event for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began at the Kinmount Community Centre on Saturday, May 28. The event featured a meet-and-greet with Kinmount volunteers, information about volunteer organizations, a free barbecue lunch, and door prizes. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff





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J'aime les Highlands: exchange student returns

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

Even after five months of visiting grand Medieval castles, like the Château des ducs de Bretagne, and touring French vineyards in the Loire Valley, Emily Parish will always feel most at home in the rolling hills of the Haliburton Highlands.

Known in the county for her curling expertise, the 22-year-old Minden local recently returned home on May 21 after her study abroad for one semester at L'Université de Nantes in Nantes, France as part of her bachelor of arts program, majoring in French at Trent University. She was able to visit seven other European countries during her travels.

Parish was one of around 4,000 international students studying at L'Université de Nantes, which is a school more than four times as big as what she was used to at Trent University.

"I appreciate Haliburton County a lot more after being away for five months. I was really lucky to travel abroad and experience lots of different cultures, which reminded me of how lucky we are to live in Canada and to live in such a community-oriented, close-knit town," Parish said.

The exchange to France was long awaited for Parish, so she was excited to get the call from her program co-ordinator at Trent University that it was a go.

"I was supposed to do the exchange in my second year of university. It's one of the requirements in my program to complete a study abroad in Nantes. It ended up getting cancelled twice because of the COVID-19 pandemic, so I ended up going during my last year of my undergrad," said the Trent University graduate.

She explained that the exchange program allows students in the program to increase their level of bilingualism, expand their French accents, and learn about the culture.

Parish will work as a program facilitator at YMCA Camp Wanakita for the summer and complete her final year of her bachelor of education at Nipissing University in North Bay beginning this fall.

She said, "My plan is to finish my bachelor of education and to then teach French at the high school level. I'm hoping to stay and work in this area of Ontario and locally if possible."

While in France, Parish taught English to students in the equivalents of Grades 10 to 12 at a private school in Nantes called Lycée Talensac. This experience added a welcomed balance to her primarily French-speaking life in France.

Parish explained, "At first, it was strange to speak French constantly, but I was able to adapt and actually found that my internal dialogue was in French instead of English. It



Emily Parish completed a semester-long university exchange to Nantes, France, but is glad to be back home with her dog, Ruger. Parish will be completing her bachelor of education at Nipissing University beginning this fall to be able to teach French at the high school level. / VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

was so interesting to see how the education system works over there, and the students I taught were all amazing."

This experience was not her first time teaching. Parish also worked as a French tutor while studying at Trent University.

"I started French tutoring during the pandemic to help support the French immersion kids in Haliburton County who weren't getting a full experience with only at-home learning. I've continued with some of my students past the initial COVID-19 health measures, and I plan to continue tutoring going into the summer months," said the 22-year-old.

Parish said that it is very rewarding to teach French to local children because she was a French immersion student during her school years in Haliburton County, and she is happy to help others succeed in the program that changed the course of her own life.

"French is incredibly important to learn here in Canada because we're a bilingual country. Being bilingual has opened so many doors for me in both my professional life and my social life. I believe that one of the best things to ever happen to me was to be placed in the French immersion program here in Haliburton County," she said.

She now has connections all over the world from her time at L'Université de Nantes.

"My favourite part of the trip was meeting new people and making lots of different friends from different countries and knowing that I now have lifelong connections with others internationally," she said.

Parish said that Greece is her favourite place she visited because of the hospitality of the people and the beautiful, warm beaches in contrast to Ontario's frigid winter weather. Another favourite memory is seeing the tulip fields in full-bloom during the spring in the Netherlands.

"I went on a group trip with a bunch of my friends to Amsterdam and we rented an Airbnb in the middle of tulip



Emily Parish recently completed a five-month-long exchange to Nantes, France to finish her undergraduate degree in French studies. Pictured are souvenirs, tickets, and maps from her travels around Europe.

fields and it was so beautiful. It was definitely one of my best memories," Parish said.

She would recommend that any student go on an exchange if the opportunity is presented to them, especially if they would like to pursue studies in another language.

She said, "The best advice I could give to others interested in studying abroad is that it seems absolutely terrifying to leave everything you know and to start a life in a new country, but you'll make so many memories and meet so many amazing people. It can be difficult at times, but overall, I have no regrets about my time in France."



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Wildcats, win

From left, Olivia Rickard and Rose Meier from Archie Stouffer Elementary School sprint to the finish line in a 100 metre race at the Haliburton County elementary school track and field meet which took place on Saturday, May 28. /VIVIAN COLLINGS



Blair Fisher runs in the 100 metre race.



Competitors run in the 100 metre race at the Haliburton County elementary school track and field meet on Saturday, May 28.

Back, from left:
Quinn Carpenter,
Mackenzie Brown,
Maddy Walker.
Front, from left,
Avery Joanu,
Carter Ouellette,
Hunter Hamilton.
/Photo by Cheryl
Hamilton



Tenley Logan competes in the triple jump event.

Hawks hold their own with best at COSSA

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

A two-year layoff amped up the enthusiasm and put the Red Hawks track and field team in a position for success at the COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Association) Track and Field Championship.

Held on Thursday, May 19 in Peterborough, COSSA gave many members an opportunity to earn a berth to the OFSAA (Ontario Federation of Sports Athletics Associations) East Regionals and take a step to achieving the greatest athletic success of making it to the OFSAA championship and for others it was an opportunity to grow.

Leading the way with her first place in the 100 metre dash and second place in the 200 metre dash, Liah Gallant beamed with pride about her achievement.

Part of the Grade 11 student’s success, she said, came from off-season training, which included hill repeaters in her backyard. Another aspect to her overall athleticism is tied to growing up and participating in a diverse range of sports such as figure skating, ice hockey, swimming, and gymnastics.

Coming through in the finals of her races is derived from her competitive fire, she said.

“I don’t really relax and, [what I do is] picture myself winning right before I take off [from the start] and then I get really angry and it makes me move faster. I want to win. Like there is no way you’re going to beat me,



Red Hawks senior Liah Gallant runs from the blocks during practice last week after winning the 100 metre dash at COSSA on May 19 in Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School in Peterborough. The Grade 11 student took her love of competition to the sprint win, a second in the 200 metre dash and fourth in the long jump. /DARREN LUM Staff

and I just put this angry face on, right?” she said.

When she started the season it was her hope to just keep advancing as far as she could, but [as of Wednesday] she has earned a berth to

the East Regionals, and now she’s striving for OFSAA.

Gallant said her favourite event is the 100 metre dash because it suits her strengths as a sprinter and her top-end speed, which comes close to the 100 metre mark.

She welcomes the opportunity to travel with her teammates, who will provide audible support with supportive and encouraging cheering.

Teammate Erika Hoare earned a pair of second place finishes in the 1,500 metre run and the 3,000 metre, and a third in the 300 metre hurdles. Hoare, who is in Grade 9, said her track success comes from the four-week training sessions before the season, including running and Nordic skiing in the winter. The novice aged runner said her strength has grown since competing for the Hawks in cross country running during the autumn when she earned an OFSAA berth. The Grade 9 runner said with the East Regionals organized over two days, which means one race this past Thursday and two on Friday, she will be fresher than COSSA when she ran three individual races (and one team race) in a span of a few hours. Although she earned an East Regionals berth in the 300 metre hurdles, she has decided against it to enable a better performance in her 1,500 metre run. Hoare also set a school record in the 1,500 metre run.

Grade 12 student Jackson Wilson, whose best achievement at COSSA was a second place in long jump, was surprised and happy about the performance.

“Every single time I have a good jump it’s been after a 200 metre or like a 100 metre run. So, I don’t know. I guess it’s just better when my heart rates up,” he said.

In between his second and third attempt at the long jump, Wilson said he had to run the 200 metre event and when he came back it was his best jump of the day to earn him the second.

Wilson also finished fourth in the 200 metre dash and the 400 metre dash.

Coach Karen Gervais said she believes nearly everyone on the team earned a personal best, noting, “That’s a win.”

The two-year layoff seemed to be a major contributor to the effort and execution, she added.

“Everybody was keen to get out and get involved again and, saying, it felt great to be on a school bus full of athletes again. I never thought I would say that,” she said. “It’s re-

ally been good for everyone’s heart and soul to be out there competing again. So, we’re pretty motivated.”

Grade 12 student Corin Gervais stepped out from training expressing how much he has enjoyed competing in the hurdling events where he finished second in the 400 metre hurdles and fourth in the 110 metre hurdles. His enjoyment comes from the jumping during sports he also liked such as basketball.

Part of his success has been in the development of his strength and his attention to pacing himself in races, particularly in the 400 metre hurdles, and executing proper hurdling technique, ensuring his trail leg comes closer to the top of the hurdle than if he was to leap over. It was back in Grade 9 when he learned to hurdle from his high school coaches, who taught and trained him, and then he refined his skills from studying hurdlers in the Tokyo Olympics.

This being his last year of high school he has welcomed the opportunity to compete at the East Regionals. He knows the competition will be strong, so he is striving to set a personal best in his events.

Gervais also finished fourth with the 4 x 400 metre relay, which included Ben Robinson, Darian Willis and Jackson Wilson. He appreciated how the team’s berth enabled graduating senior Nick Phippen an opportunity to get an all-provincial berth by running in place of Willis.

“It’s nice that our team managed to qualify and he can run since his season was cut short. It means a lot to him, but either way, it’s nice to make it to these regionals, whether it’s with a team or on my own,” he said.

Other notable Hawks finishers at COSSA who finished in the top-five and were eligible to advance to the East Regionals were Cole Hamilton (400 metre dash in fifth), Lily Manning (300 metre dash in fifth) and Willis (2,000 steeplechase in fifth). Also, earning berths to the East Regionals was the 4x100 metre women’s team made up of seniors Brooke Stover and Liah Gallant with juniors Lily Manning and Ceinwyn Mathura, who ran up in the age category. The 4x400 metre team of Stover, Gallant, Sophie Longo and Erika Hoare finished fourth.

East Regionals

The Red Hawks competed at the OFSAA East Regional meet Thursday, May 26 and Friday, May 27 in Ottawa. A steady rainfall on Friday didn’t slow the Hawks, who earned many top eight finishes and personal bests. Senior Liah Gallant placed seventh in the 100 metre dash and ninth in senior girls’ long jump and in the 200 metre dash; senior Brooke Stover finished seventh in the 400 metres; novice Erika Hoare finished eighth in the 3,000 metres; senior Corin Gervais finished ninth in the 400 metre hurdles, and the senior girls 4 x 100 metre relay team of Gallant, Stover, Lily Manning and Ceinwyn Mathura finished eighth. Personal bests were earned by Darian Willis in the 2,000 metre steeplechase, who took 25 seconds off his time, and Haiden Bird with personal best by three seconds in the 800 metre.

“This group of athletes has been really fantastic to work with and they brought hard work, determination and team support to every meet and practice. The senior students showed some excellent leadership and we wish we would have had more years to work with this all-around great group of people. Wishing all the grads best of luck and looking forward to working again with our returning athletes,” coach Karen Gervais said. The coaching staff included Ginny Marsden and Josh Kimble.

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Level: Advanced
Answers on page 16

GENERATIONS



Throwing paint to the wind

A splatter painting activity saw Hyland Crest residents showcasing their creative side by throwing paint at a canvas. Half a canvas was painted on each floor of the home as an activity, resulting in a group painting to be hung. /Photos by Brittany Burton



Nancy Farrell opts to add a touch of pink to the group artwork.



Shirley Mitchell adds her paint to the canvas.



Visits with Booker

Booker Routledge, the Corgi, stopped in at Hyland Crest for a visit with dog-loving residents. Above, Booker takes in a good scratch from Betty Inglis and right, Booker gets a pat from Louise Burakowski .



ParticipACTION!

Marj Brown, Bernice Fife, Carolyn Welsh, Joan Hayman and Ellen Holden take part in a twice-weekly exercise program called Stretch and Shake, set to energetic music.



Booker gets some love from Brenda Murphy and Brenda gets some in return from Booker.



This page brought to you by staff and residents at Hyland Crest long-term care home.

Fresh air

Doreene Churko takes a walk around the block with staff member Walker Routledge.

HISTORY IN THE HIGHLANDS

Let's go to the fair

SATURDAY, JUNE 11 marks the welcome return of the Minden Agricultural Society's annual fair. It is re-starting as a micro-fair, in preparation for a full event next year.

The fair is older than Haliburton County, and even older than the Canadian National Exhibition. It was first held in 1864 on the property on the Bobcaygeon Colonization Road belonging to Catherine Kent, whose portrait graces the wall of the Minden post office, along with Daniel Buck and Dr. Charles Curry.

In 1868, Catherine sold this 100 acres at Lot 5, Concession A to Samuel Stanley Peck for \$1,000. As a young widow with three small children, this must have been quite a wind-fall. Eight years later, S.S. Peck gave Catherine two acres at the northwest corner of this lot for \$1.00 and sold five acres along the road to the Minden Agricultural Society.



ADELE ESPINA
History in the Highlands

The fairground increased to its current size through the purchase and granting of additional acreage from Catherine Kent's estate in the 1930s and later from the Prentice family.

This fair, traditionally held in earlier years at harvest time, was an opportunity for young and old to socialize, as well as to display their talents. Glowing accounts were submitted to the Lindsay and Fenelon Falls newspapers, with each year's fair said to outperform the previous year's event.

Here are some of those columns submitted throughout the history of the fair:

Fenelon Falls Gazette – October 23, 1880
"THE FALL SHOW. – The Minden agricultural show was held on the Society's ground on the day appointed, and the weather being fine, country people began pouring in at an early hour. The entries numbered about 420, and the exhibits in every department were far ahead of any former year, both as regards quality and quantity. The display of ladies' work was very extensive, and many new and pretty designs in the various department were observable, and there was a large display of fancy quilts, blankets, flannel, rugs, carpet &c. [etc.] Mr. James Walker showed in a glass case a piece of needle-work and a pin-cushion 115 years old and several other curiosities, all of which were much admired. Mr. Unger, teacher, exhibited a large collection of stuffed birds which attracted a good deal of notice and as they were all stuffed by himself he is evidently no beginner at that kind of work. The display of butter, both in rolls and tubs, was large, and in bread there were a dozen competitors. In fruit, apples were conspicuous, but there were some very good grapes grown in the open air, and the jars of preserves and pickles were quite numerous. The display of field and garden produce was extra fine in all respects and very creditable to the exhibitors. In all the different classes of stock, there was a marked improvement over previous ones, and the show was declared by those who attended it to be by far the best ever held in Minden. The society is much indebted to the Directors for their able management, as notwithstanding the strong efforts made to have the Government grant annulled, the money was procured and did good service."

How interesting it would be to know more about this Walker family needlework and pin cushion that were made in 1765! (As an aside, the Haliburton Highlands Museum has an antique display case featuring a large collection of stuffed birds, including a passenger pigeon.)

The Watchman-Warder, Lindsay – Jan. 30, 1908
"The annual meeting of the Minden Agricultural Society held on Saturday, 18th inst. [this month], was very largely attended and was of a most interesting character. An encouraging feature was that the reports showed a substantial balance on hand.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, James Mortimer. 1st Vice-Pres., Henry Hobden. 2nd Vice-Pres., R. H. Baker. Directors: F. Peck, sr., F.S. Burt, Thos. Mason, R.C. Garratt, John Welch, J.H. Delamere, John Cowen, Henry Robertson and Geo. Rogers. Wm. Fielding was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

For years the society has kept a thoroughbred bull and it was unanimously decided to purchase another for this year. For that purpose Messrs. John Cowen, the president and sec-

FALL EXHIBITION, 1886. THE ANNUAL FALL EXHIBITION OF THE MINDEN, SNOWDON, STANHOPE, SHERBOURNE, LUTTERWORTH, ANSON AND HINDON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON SOCIETY'S GROUND, IN THE VILLAGE OF MINDEN On Tuesday, 12th October, 1886.

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JAS. MORTIMER, PRESIDENT; J. H. DELAMERE, SEC. TREAS.

Poster for the Minden Fall Exhibition in 1886 – "The annual Fall exhibition of the Minden, Snowdon, Stanhope, Sherbourne, Lutterworth, Anson and Hindon Agricultural Society" / Source: www.canadiana.org, Toronto Public Library

retary were appointed a committee. The first seed and poultry show in the history of the society was held last year and was sufficiently encouraging to call for another this year to be held Thursday, March 12th, at which members of the society are entitled to exhibit without the payment of any extra fee. "The Watchman-Warder, Lindsay – Oct. 10, 1912 "Minden Fall Fair Best On Record Minden Echo: Every road led to Minden on Tuesday and the fair was one of the best on record here. In many classes the entries far exceeded that of previous years and the attendance was exceedingly good. The weather turned out fine in the afternoon and the fairgrounds was one of the busiest places in the north country. The vice-president took up the work that fell to him most admirably and capable and did his best to make the fair a success in every department. There were the greatest numbers of horses and colts on the grounds that have been exhibited at one time in Minden for many a year, if ever. Mr. A.C. Jones showed a colt, less than a year and a half old that tipped the scales at 1,200 pounds, while there were others nearly as big. The long row of pens for sheep and pigs was full from end to end. Mr. George Wright was present with his much admired white faced oxen, mounted in his buggy, trotted them around the ring, drawing quite as much attention as did the finest team of horses. Mr. John Cowan's herd of Polled Angus cattle was a fine feature of the show. Great numbers went to see the litters of little pigs. In the hall the exhibit was good, with fine showings of vegetables and dairy products. The ladies' department was equal to the best, while several new features were introduced, notably the oil paintings, which attracted much attention. The judges were as follows: horses, Mr. James Casey, of Mariposa; poultry, Mr. John McBride, of Peterboro; sheep, Mr. Fred Parish, of Haliburton; grain and roots, Messrs. Maxom, of Lindsay, and A.Y. Hopkins, of Kinmount; domestic manufactures, Mrs. Geo. Hewitt and Miss Pilkey; ladies' work, Mrs. Thos. Rogers and Mrs. John Prentice." Over the years, there were some activities that were not mentioned in the annual wrap-up in the newspapers. Here is one example that did not appear on the fair's event schedule, as reported in a Toronto newspaper:

The Globe, Toronto – Sep. 28, 1935 "DICE PLAYERS FINED. Lindsay, Sept. 27 (CP) – The galloping dominoes rolled a natural for the town coffers today. J. Marcus, Toronto, paid \$100 and costs, and D. Lyons, Toronto, \$25 and costs, when convicted on charges of enticing a man to hazard money on a dice game at the Minden Fair Tuesday. Three other men charged similarly were dismissed. The Minden resident said he lost \$104 on the game." This amount would be equal to approximately \$2,100 in today's dollars. In the depths of the Depression, who was this unlucky Minden resident who was cheated in a back room bunco parlour at that year's fair? Were his swindlers some unemployment relief workers from the Orillia Power Commission dam building camp? These fellows could sometimes be in debt at month's end after deductions for food, clothing and cigarettes. That is perhaps another story for another day.

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AROUND THE COUNTY TOWN



Grooming trails, giving back

On May 30, the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association made a \$500 donation to the Minden Community Food Centre, the association's choice as its beneficiary this past winter. Using one of its five trail grooming machines as a fundraiser, the HCSEA donates one dollar per hour groomed to a local charitable not-for-profit by logging 500 grooming hours on Haliburton County Rail Trail in celebration of the HCSEA's 50th season. This year is the second for the initiative, with a different charity chosen each year. From left: the HCSEA's Cole Finlay, trail groomer co-ordinator; Tom Nicholson, secretary-treasurer; Margo Ross, volunteer co-ordinator; Ted Roberts, trail groomer operator; Brad Griffin, equipment manager; MCFC manager Jean Munroe; the HCSEA's Sean Finlay, groomer operator; Elmo Lymburner, volunteer and groomer operator; MCFC volunteer Sue Waite and Don Veno, MCFC board chair. / SUE TIFFIN Staff



Stuck together

Will Vick offered a "promposal" to Fiona Higgins last week, using his truck and quite a few Post-It notes as props for the ask. (Of course she said yes!) /Photo submitted by Erinn Lynch



Girl Guides ride

Arianna Hirstwood, Ava Kulas and Skyla Pettes go for a ride during a Girl Guide camping trip to Santa's Village last weekend. / Photos by April Austen



A splash of colour

A crabapple tree flowering along the Gull River on May 19. /Photo by Guenter Horst

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Merry and bright campers

The Minden Girl Guides celebrated last weekend with a camping trip to Santa's Village. The troop camped in the nearby camping area at night, and enjoyed the rides and attractions in the village during the day. Seen here, at back from left, Ella Hirstwood, Arianna Hirstwood, Olaf the snowman and Holly Carpenter, and at front from left, Izzy Thompson, Skyla Pettes and Anna Thompson.



Have a seat

"Has been exciting waiting for these little beauties," said Kirsten Monk of a pair of baby mourning doves that are nestled safe in the deck chairs overturned for the winter at Monk's Minden home. /Photo by Kirsten Monk



NOTICE
Fees and Charges By-law Amendments

NOTICE is hereby provided that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands intends to consider amending its Comprehensive Fees and Charges By-Law at its regular meeting to be held on Thursday, June 16, 2022.

The amendments being proposed are:

- a) Planning Fees – fee changes for various planning applications. The changes are a result of recommendations from the County of Haliburton Services Delivery Review process.
- b) Cemetery Fees – inclusion of fees for the purchase of columbarium niches and engraving fees.
- c) Fire Services – inclusion of additional fees for fire department services.

Dated: June 1, 2022

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Passed away peacefully at her home in Lindsay on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at the age of 87.

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It was Elizabeth's wish for cremation.

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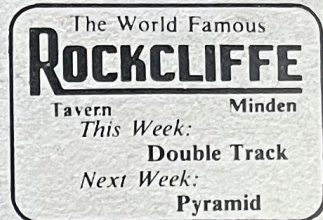


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Council wants details on CAS spending

A prediction that the 1985 budget of the Kawartha - Haliburton Children's Aid Society (CAS) will rise dramatically has prompted the Haliburton County Council to request a review hearing of the proposed budget by the province.

The request came in a resolution passed at the regular meeting of council on Wednesday, May 15, following a report by Bob Penny, the Executive Director of the society. Penny attended the meeting to explain the reasons for the 1984 deficit of the CAS and the predicted increase in this year's budget. Penny was also seeking approval from Council of the County share of last year's shortfall.

In 1984 the county contributed \$28,484 to the Kawartha-Haliburton CAS. The county's share of the deficit was an additional \$2,936.

A \$30,000 allocation to the CAS has already been approved in the 1985 County budget.

Penny told Council that the \$220,000 provide-wide deficit was due largely to the increased numbers of children that have come under the care of the CAS. He added that although the society was able to predict fixed costs such as wages and administrative costs the society could not predict the number of children who would need help.

He did predict a dramatic rise in expenditures in 1985 because children under the

care of the society "are much more difficult to care for" than in the past.

Penny said that the society prefers to let children stay with their families but "this is impossible in some cases" because their parents or foster parents are unable to cope with these children and therefore, they must be cared for in group homes that require a large staff "to control the more difficult children."

Although overall figures are declining Penny reported that the society was involved with 128 children in Haliburton County in 1984. Of these, ten children were in the care of the CAS.

Penny also reported that of the 56 child care cases that were opened in the county last year, seven cases involved sexual abuse. Such cases he said, are particularly difficult and time consuming to investigate because of their sensitive nature.

Support payments

Penny was asked if the CAS can collect family allowance benefits for the children under their care. He replied that the society does receive family allowance benefits as well as provincial grants for children who are wards of the society but this does not apply to children living at home.

When asked if the society seeks payment for their services from the families of the children they help,

Penny replied that this was possible under a court order but noted that many families cannot afford the costs. Another reason for the budget increase, Penny explained, is that the agency will be hiring another secretary to assist with the large amount of paperwork, such as case reports, that is required. "It is not in your interest or ours to have social workers doing secretarial work," he said.

His comment was echoed by Janet Greene, President of the Kawartha-Haliburton CAS, who said that the social workers are spending too much time preparing documents and making phone calls. The agency, she said, requires more clerical staff to "free up the social workers".

When cases of child neglect or abuse are reported to the agency, "We don't have the option of saying 'no', we are busy, we can't help," she said. She added, "We have a tremendous responsibility to the children in our care. We do not have the manpower to do the work that we must do in the proper manner."

During his report the Executive Director mentioned that under the recently introduced Young Offenders Act, children under 12 years of age cannot be charged with an offence and therefore cannot be

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Dianne Garbutt delighted the audience Thursday evening with her colourful impersonation of rock star Boy George during the Music Night '85 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Her antics represented a lighter side to an evening of entertainment provided by the senior music students at the school.

Council objects to education levy

Haliburton County Council is asking the Haliburton County Board of Education to reconsider the Board's 1985 budget that included a 19.4% increase in the education levy to County taxpayers.

The request was made in a resolution passed at the May 15 meeting of council.

A committee of the council had intended to meet with representatives of the Board prior to the regular meeting of council to discuss the increase in the education levy but arrangements could not be made in time.

It is expected that the meeting will take place this week. The resolution describes the increase in the education levy as "unacceptable, unreasonable, and an undue burden on the taxpayers of Haliburton County."

Council also requested reconsideration of the \$100,000 allocation to the Board's reserve fund and questioned, "What relief has been sought from the Ministry of Education."

The resolution was passed without discussion.

Trails could host world cup

The competitive World Cup Course that is being constructed by the Nordic Trail Association could become the site of the biggest sporting event ever held in the Highlands according to Curtis Eastmure an executive member of the association.

Eastmure made the comment during a presentation to members of Haliburton County Council on Wednesday.

He told council that a delegation from the association will be attending the annual meeting of the Canadian Ski Association Board of Directors in June to seek permission to hold competitions on the 25 km

competitive trail located near Jim Beef Lake.

The association hopes to stage the Canadian National Championship or the North American Championship in 1987 and the World Cup in the winter of 1989.

Eastmure said that the Canadian Ski Association is very aware of the linked trail system that has been developed in Haliburton County and has already approached the local association to hold competitive events.

Eastmure noted however that the competitive course was not completed at the time the offer was made, but that the course, along with the rest of the linked trail

system will be completed this year. "We are just putting the finishing touches on the trails," he said, adding that by next winter the trails will be ready for grooming and track setting.

He added that by the end of August the association will have spent \$260,000 on the linked trail system.

Funding was provided by the provincial government through a \$150,000 Lottario grant, Carling O'Keefe Breweries and the five municipalities that the trails traverse.

Eastmure said that the association is optimistic about the possibility of holding a world cup competition because the

topography of the area is quite similar to the sites of the two previous world cup events that were held in Canada in Whitehorse and Quebec City.

His comments were supported by Mike Exall, a consultant to the Nordic Trail Association, who has been supervising the construction of the linked trail system since last fall. During a slide presentation to council, Exall pointed out that the competitive course offers ideal conditions for the world cup event.

He noted "Although Whitehorse is not the most accessible place, the world cup event attracted 2000

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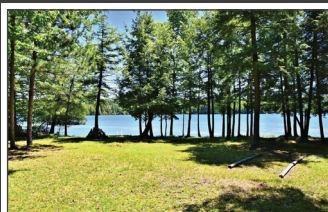
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